



2020-2021 Year End Summary

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PEP staff member Becky Parke, Foundation Services Coordinator

Advisor Dr. David Larson, Superintendent, Glenbard District 87

I) 2020-2021 Summary

- March 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic closed schools across the U.S. Plans for continuing our outreach to the original feeder school districts were halted. Re-engagement with Glenbard High School Feeder Districts and founding PEP members to discuss opportunities for partnerships with them focused on outreach through our Newsletter, email check-ins and notes of support during the academic year to the superintendents and board president from PEP Chairman, Erica Nelson.
- Becky Parke completed her second year as the PEP Foundation Services Coordinator. Her contributions continued including streamlining internal financial processes and outreach to our fund partners, increasing communication with the Glenbard High School Counselors to improve the scholarships process, facilitated the formation of two new scholarships in memory of a Glenbard South graduate and a retired and long-serving Glenbard South counselor and educator.
- Thirteen PEP Glenbard Scholarships were awarded for the 2020-2021 school year totaling \$15,250.
- PEP's fiscal year runs June 30-July 1. Current balance for PEP Board Unrestricted Operating Assets is: \$21,310.08. PEP Restricted Money Market Fund (Edward Jones) \$24,487.20
Unrestricted operating profit and loss is a net positive income of \$1563.18 through July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021.



II) Accomplishments 2020-2021

- Website updates throughout the year to improve use and increase visibility of PEP Fund partners–
<https://www.pepglenbard.org/>
- Review / Update PEP fund accounts and oversight for annual student scholarships.
- Budget oversight to set priorities for 2021-2022 to increase PEP's outreach as a 501c3 and increase partnership activity.
- D41 Kids Foundation grant application using PEP's 501c3 status and document support secured a \$20,000 DuPage Foundation Grant for Covid-19 Emergency funds. Grant written by Dr. Lynn Bruno, Vice Chair D41 Kids Foundation.
- D41 Kids Foundation Covid-19 Emergency Funds for student and family support disbursed \$27,569.27 in the form of gift cards, rental assistance for families who were deemed ineligible for any state or federal support and medical prescription support as of this report. Just over \$6,000.00 remains in the fund for continued support this year.
- The Glenbard Student Support Fund for Covid-19 emergency support collected more than \$14,000 as was used in the four high schools to pay for student registration fees, book fees, and class materials determined by the Assistant Principals for Student Services in each school.
- PEP Board member outreach with new fund partners and will continue in 2021-2022
- Liza Sury, PEP Board member At-large completed a grant-writing course to provide opportunity for the PEP Board to seek grants using our 501c3 status.

III) New PEP Fund Partners / Scholarships in 2020-2021

PEP 's ability to respond quickly to community members who wish to honor or memorialize a family member in the form of a student scholarship or grant for an educator is central to our purpose. In 2020-2021 two important scholarships were formed for Glenbard South student awardees. We are honored as an organization to provide this important opportunity this academic year and we are grateful to the families who entrust their loved ones memory in the form of these scholarships.

-Peter J. Abruzzo Student Scholarship Fund – Glenbard South. Mr. Abruzzo was a 30+ year educator and counselor at Glenbard South High School. Because of his long tenure at Glenbard South and passion for students and supporting their goals, Mr. Abruzzo's wife and children established this Scholarship to be made annually in his honor.

-The Peter A. Jeske Memorial Scholarship fund honors the life of Peter Jeske, a 2017 graduate of Glenbard South High School. At Glenbard South, Peter was an honor student, a captain on the football team and starter on the basketball team, and a great friend to all of his classmates. After graduating from Glenbard South, Peter attended the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University. Peter passed away unexpectedly in the spring of 2021. The Jeske family established this scholarship fund to create a lasting legacy for Peter and a scholarship would be awarded annually to a worthy senior from Glenbard South to aid in college tuition costs.



-The Long Family Foundation founded a scholarship to support academic excellence for a student at Glenbard East who will attend the University of Illinois upon graduation. This is the first year for this new student scholarship formed by Glenbard East graduate Jeff Long and his wife Jodi Long.

IV) Next Steps

-The PEP Board of Trustees is focused on how PEP's 501c3 status may be leveraged to support educational equity across PEP partner school districts through grant applications. PEP's updated Mission Statement reflects the long-term commitment as we enter our 29th year of operation and we recommit to supporting all students and educators.

Mission: *The Partnership for Educational Progress (PEP) promotes excellence in the Glenbard community schools in DuPage County, IL. As an educational foundation, we provide financial resources to foster and support learning for all students today and tomorrow.*

-The PEP Board assesses how equity and inclusive opportunities are reflected through the foundation's work in outreach to students across the GB D87 PEP Fund Partners scholarships.

-Outreach to the Glenbard Elementary Feeder Districts to encourage representation on the PEP Board for those not currently engaged and to seek ideas and recommendations to apply PEP's 501c3 status in support of educational initiatives that align with PEP's Mission and By-laws.

Submitted on behalf of PEP Board of Trustees 2020-2021,

Erica Nelson, MA - Chairman, PEP